

Nemeton

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The *Teleroquercus malignus rubra*, commonly known as **nemeton** (also **nemetên**, **nemeto**, or **nemetē**; plural: **nemeta**), is a biological entity that appeared after the [First Conjunction of the Spheres](#) in the [world](#).

It is characterized by a tree-like morphology, vaguely reminiscent of an oak tree, however, its taxonomic nature cannot be classified within any of the five classical kingdoms or the phylogenetic supergroups recognized by biology. Despite its appearance—resembling a withered or deciduous tree in winter—*T. malignus rubra* does not belong to the plant, fungal, or any other known domain of life.

A possible distant phylogenetic relationship has been proposed with the *Xenoarbor movilis carnivorus*, commonly

Nemeton



Taxonomy

Monster Classification	Unknown
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referred to as dunniak or duňak, due to certain superficial morphological similarities shared by both entities.

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Etymology

The name Nemeton is a borrowed word from the Migwesk language meaning “*sacred place*”. Probably these beings were named this way because of their ability to attract monsters to protect them, making pre-Nordling cultures see them, in a certain way, as places protected by their gods.

The Nilfgaardian term, nemetē, on the other hand, is a linguistic borrowing from the Nordlings' linguistic borrowing of the Migwesk word.

Habitat

Nemeta do not inhabit any fixed biome or specific ecological niche. They may manifest in any geographical region, provided that one essential condition is met: the presence of a point of concentrated energy between the material plane and the abyssal plane. This

Danger Level	Variable (depends on the age and size of the nemeton)
Domain	Unknown
Kingdom	Unknown
Phylum	Unknown
Class	Unknown
Order	Unknown
Family	Unknown
Genus	Teleroquercus
Species	Teleroquercus malignus rubra
Related Species	Duňak (?)
Physiology	
Height	Variable (can reach colossal sizes)
Length	Variable (can reach colossal sizes)
Ecology	
Lifespan	Unknown
Intelligence	Unknown but because of the way it operates, it could be considered malicious
Nature	Mostly hostile if threatened
Range	World
Habitat	Any place where abyssal energy concentrations exist
Diet	Abyssal energy

characteristic makes them comparable to other entities such as archespores, which proliferate in places marked by tragedy.

However, unlike archespores, nemeta do not necessarily require a tragic event to manifest. It is sufficient that the veil between the abyssal and material planes is particularly weak in a specific area, allowing for the accumulation of abyssal energy. Nevertheless, the appearance of a nemeton is often associated with traumatic events of exceptional magnitude, capable of eroding a lot of the interplanar veil and thereby facilitating the entity's development.

Appearance



Nemeta resemble dead or deciduous trees in winter. With the notable difference that they emit a powerful red glow. The surroundings of the nemeta, though not always, often appear dead, extensively degenerated or corrupted.

Sometimes, if the concentration of abyssal energy present in the area exceeds the absorption capacity of the Nemeta (which depends on the age and size of the Nemeta), the Nemeta may fracture and let it escape.

Behavior

Nemeta exert a psychic influence over nearby creatures or beings, especially monsters and spirits. This effect functions not only as a defensive mechanism—manipulating these creatures or beings to protect it from external threats—but also as a means to induce violent or atrocious behavior. Such acts serve to further weaken the integrity of the veil between planes, increasing the flow of abyssal energy available to the nemeton. As this energy intensifies, the entity is able to expand and solidify its presence in the physical realm.

Reproduction

Although not part of the plant kingdom, the reproductive process of nemeta

exhibits superficial similarities to that of parasitic plants. Their propagation begins with the implantation of a parasitic structure in a living host. This insertion occurs unnoticed, allowing the host to act as a carrier without awareness of their condition.

Once the host reaches an area where the veil between planes is significantly weakened, the parasitic structure enters its second phase of development. During this stage, the entity's psychic influence intensifies, compelling the host to commit acts of extreme violence. These actions help further erode the veil, paving the way for the birth of a new nemeton.

The cycle culminates in the host's death—whether by self-destruction, retaliation, or exhaustion—and the exposure of the corpse to the surrounding environment. Once the body has decomposed and the parasitic structure reaches the soil, a process akin to germination begins and the new nemeton starts to feed on the abyssal energy concentrated at that point and grow. If it manages to reinforce and expand this focal point by manipulating nearby creatures, the entity can grow indefinitely, eventually reaching colossal sizes.

It is also important to mention, that as the Nemeta grows, so does its ability to attract more powerful monsters. Therefore, the size and age of a Nemeta serves as an indication of its danger.

Elimination

Despite its nature and appearance, the *Teleroquercus malignus rubra* can be eliminated with relative ease, provided that the surrounding creatures protecting it are first neutralized.

Once it has reached adulthood and established itself in the material plane, the nemeton lacks significant physical defenses. Although not a plant organism, it is vulnerable to fire: setting it alight is sufficient to eradicate it completely. It is also recommended to use fire against the monsters that surround it, as they may be carriers of latent parasitic structures which, if left unchecked, could lead to the emergence of new nemeta.

Post-Extermination Risks

The destruction of a nemeton leaves exposed the point of concentrated abyssal

energy from which it fed. This exposure poses a considerable risk, as it grants access to that energy to individuals with questionable intentions. In particular, rogue mages may take advantage of this opportunity to extract abyssal energy for their own ends, such as necromancy, goetia, and other dark arts.

Trivia

- Those that exterminated Nemeta insist that they may look like trees but are, in fact "*something far too animate to be a tree*".
- Common superstition say that Nemeta are planted by evil witches and serve as cornerstone to dark rituals.
- The monsters or spirits close to a Nemeton become non-hostile to other monsters or spirits of its kind, but remain hostile to any non-monstrous being.
- The deepest levels of the fortress of the **School of the Fox**, **Darn Mylne**, harbor a deceased Nemeton, who was responsible for the later known as the Ten Plagues of Vicovaro.
- The Dol Dhu Lokke lair housed one of the oldest Nemeta in the world until it was destroyed in 1322.
- Telera/telero is a neologism invented by Witcher190 meaning "*vaguely reminiscent of something/ other thing*", created from the Ancient Greek words *tele* (far) and *para* (similar to).



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